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OF ROK, GVN AND KHMER REPRESENTATIVES

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1. SUMMARY. AS PROMISED PARAGRAPH 3, REF A, FOLLOWING
IS DETAILED SEQUENCE OF FLOOR DEBATE INVOLVING PRC, ROK,
RVN AND KHMER DELEGATIONS, CONCERNING STATUS OF THESE
REPRESENTATIVES IN 31ST ESCAP PLENARY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONCLUDING COUNTRY STATEMNT MORNING FEBRUARY
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28, PRC REP MA MU MING, CHARGE D'AFFAIRS PRC EMBASSY

DELHI, CRITICIZED PRESENCE ROK, GVN AND KHMER REPUBLIC. PATTERN OF ATTACK DIFFERED FROM THAT OF LAST SCAP PLENARY IN THAT THERE NO CHALLENGE TO CREDENTIALS IN COMMITTEES ALTHOUGH PRC (AS ONE OF 12 VICE CHAIRMAN) WAS MEMBER OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. SCATHING ATTACK OF KHMER DEL SAME AS LAST YEAR: "HANDFUL OF SCUM" WHOSE PARTICIPATION "ILLEGAL". CONCERNING GVN, PRC REP CHARGED UNILATERAL REPRESENTATION BY SAIGON "INAPPROPRIATE AND UNREASONABLE" AND MAINTAINING PRG AND DRVN SHOULD ALSO BE REPRESENTED. SOLE ROK REPRESENTATION DENOUNCED AS "UNREASONABLE" IN ABSENCE NORTH KOREA.

3. ROK REP EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY. IN MODERATE TONES HE EXPRESSED REGRET OVER PRC ATTACK WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS IMPROPER IN ESCAP FORUM AND INAPPROPRIATE TO SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION. EXPLAINED ROK HAS NOT OPPOSED NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN ESCAP IF IT WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ADVANCING SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. NOR IS ROK OPPOSED TO DRVN PARTICIPATION IN UN AND HE INVITED DRVN TO SIT TOGETHER WITH ROK IN UN.

4. FOLLOWING NOON ADJOURNMENT, GVN REP MADE COUNTRY STATEMENT ALONG LINES REF C BUT TOOK SPECIFIC EXCEPTION TO PRC REMARKS CONCERNING GVN REPRESENTATION ASSERTING GVN "UNIQUE, AUTHENTIC AND GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM". DENOUNCED "SELF-PROCLAIMED PRG IS NOTHING BUT A FRONT ORGANIZATION CREATED AND CONTROLLED BY NORTH VIETNAM TO DISSEMINATE THEIR REAL OBJECTIVE OF INVADING AND TAKING OVER SOUTH VIETNAM BY ARMED FORCE".

5. WHEN CHAIRMAN RECOGNIZED KHMER REPUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE TO MAKE STATEMENT, PRC REPS ALL WALKED OUT. KHMER REP RESTRICTED HIMSELF TO REGRETTING CHINESE ATTACK, STATING THAT OUT OF RESPECT FOR INDIAN HOSTS AND IN ORDER TO STICK TO BUSINESS OF PLENARY SESSION HE WOULD REFRAIN FROM REPLYING IN KIND.

6. NEAR CLOSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION PRC REPLIED TO GVN REP'S STATEMENT MAINTAINING IT WILL BE KNOWN THERE ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM; THAT SAIGON IS RELYING ON FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND IS CONDEMNED BY THE WORLD FOR ITS CONDUCT; THAT PRG IS LEGITIMATE REP OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND CONTROLS LARGE AREAS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. PRC THEN REPEATED IT IS UNREASONABLE AND INAPPROPRIATE FOR GVN ALONE TO REPRESENT SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN ESCAP.

7. THOUGH ALMOST PASSED OVR OY CHAIRMAN, WHO IN PROCESS OF ADJOURNING THE SESSION, GVN REP MANAGED TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION AND AGAIN TOOK EXCEPTION TO PRC STATEMNT CHARGING PRG HAD NO POPULATION AND NO CAPITAL ONLY FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND PRG IN NO WAY REPRESENTS PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. DURING THIS STATEMENT GVN REPS PASSED ALONG AISLES DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS TO ALL DELS ENTITLED "SELF-PROCLAIMED PRG IS NOT A GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM". THIS DOCUMENT ALTHOUGH BASICALLY A FACTUAL STATEMENT OF THE RVN POSITION MAY ALSO PROVOKE CHINESE IRE. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF GVN REMARKS, CHAIR DECLARED SESSION ADJOURNED.

8. FOLLOWING THE MEETING ROK REP APPROACHED U.S. DEL AND CONFIDED HE UNHAPPY WITH GVN RESPONSE AND WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MATTER BE DROPPED. HE INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE U.S. DEL TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO GVN DEL, CLAIMING HE NOT IN GOOD POSITION TO DO SO. ROK REP ALSO NOTED INTERESTING CHANGE IN MONGOLIA STANCE IN THIS SESSION OF ESCAP. HE NOTED MONGOLIA DID NOT FOLLOW CHINESE IN FULL WALKOUT DURING KHMER STATEMENT. OF FURTHER INTEREST IS INFO REPORTED TO US BY ROK RP THAT MONGOLIA AND PRC RAISED OBJECTION ONLY TO GOK AND GVN CREDENTIALS IN COMMITTEE, BUT REMAINED SILENT ON KHMER QUESTION.

9. VIEWS AMBASSADOR FERGUSON ON THIS ISSUE ALREADY REPORTED REFTEL (REF A).
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